

REMARKS

Claims 29, 31, 33-36, 48, 50, 52-55, and 67-71 were pending as of the action mailed June 21, 2006. Claims 29, 33, 48, 52, 68, and 70-71 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 31, 34-36, 50, 53-55, 67, and 69 are being amended. New independent claims 72-74 are being submitted. No new matter has been added.

In the action, the examiner indicated that claims 33 and 52 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 72 corresponds to claim 33 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of its respective base claim. Claim 73 corresponds to claim 52 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of its respective base claim. Claim 74 is a system claim that corresponds to claim 72. Support for the system claim 74 can be found on at least page eight of the application, "the present invention can be implemented on a computer system" (line 3) and page nine of the application, "The invention can be implemented in digital electronic circuitry, or in computer hardware, firmware, software or in a combination of them" (line 6).

All pending claims as amended depend from claims that the examiner has indicated have allowable subject matter.

Conclusion


For the foregoing reasons, the applicant submits that all the claims are in condition for allowance.

By responding in the foregoing remarks only to particular positions taken by the examiner, the applicant does not acquiesce with other positions that have not been explicitly addressed. In addition, the applicant's arguments for the patentability of a claim should not be understood as implying that no other reasons for the patentability of that claim exist.

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